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7 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: Mr. Sam J. Papich

SUBJECT: COURT FOSTER WOOD
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Reference is made to a 25 March 1961 and a 6 July 1961 investigative report on captioned Subject which have previously been furnished to this Agency.

[redacted]
who is a current Agency employee, has recently been interviewed concerning his knowledge of Court Foster Wood whom [redacted] had known since mutual attendance in high school. Attached is a detailed report of the information furnished by [redacted] concerning his knowledge of Wood.

Since [redacted] personally has sufficient reason to question the activities of Wood and the activities of the associates of Wood, [redacted] has been advised to discontinue any further contact with Wood.

It would be appreciated if your Bureau would furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster Wood and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster Wood with [redacted]

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

R. L. Bannerman
Acting Director of Security

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DATE: 10-17-68
TO: JAMES EARL RAY
FROM: JAMES EARL RAY
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to a March 1961 and a January 1962 letter from the FBI to the State Department regarding the above mentioned matter.

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and titles, including "The Hon. Mr. Justice" and "The Hon. Mr. Justice".

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It would be appreciated if your Bureau could furnish this Agency any additional information brought to your attention concerning Court Foster. Good and of particular interest would be any information received by your Bureau concerning past association of Court Foster and with Richard Weiner.

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H. L. Hansen
Acting Director of Security

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[] has recently advised that Court 3 Foster Wood was a relatively close high school friend of [] during mutual attendance at George Mason High School, Falls Church, Virginia, during 1957 to 1959. [] described Wood as an average high school student who had no particular problems with the exception that there were domestic difficulties between the father and mother of Wood.

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[] became acquainted with the parents of Wood and made occasional visits to their home during the above period of time. The father of Wood, Foster Wood, is an attorney who was then living in Falls Church. Some time ago the father and mother of Court Wood split up and Court Wood and father moved into an apartment on Columbia Road, Washington, D.C.

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[] advised that after graduation from high school in June 1959 he lost any close contact with Wood who then started to attend George Mason College, where he seemed to have an interest in philosophy. 3 [] started to attend a military school and Wood expressed extreme opposition to military schools.

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[] married in 1960, which also helped to move [] somewhat out of the social circle of Wood. 3 [] believed that for approximately a year, during 1959 to 1960, he did not actually see Wood but advised that after this period in which he did not see Wood he has had a number of contacts with Wood, many of which occurred during mutual attendance at the University of Virginia Extension School (night school) in early 1961. On one occasion 3 [] attended a party at the apartment occupied by Wood and father at the invitation of Wood, and on this occasion came into contact with the "new set of friends" of Court Wood, whom [] described as being "beatnik types." Girls in attendance at the party, according to [], appeared to be of the "street pickup" type. 3

3 After the above party Wood occasionally telephoned [] 3 and about Christmas 1960 Wood called and stated that he was going to Cuba under the auspices of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. 3 [] called on Wood after the return of Wood from Cuba and at that time Wood lauded Castro very highly. The father of Wood was also present and [] obtained the impression that the father was also in sympathy with Castro. 3 [] recalled that he again, at a later date, had visited the Wood apartment, this being an occasion when Wood had been visiting somewhere in Falls Church and contacted [] to ask [] to take Wood home. On this 3 5

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On occasion [redacted] stayed at the West Apartment for approximately an hour, and advised that on this occasion he observed some Soviet propaganda pamphlets in the apartment and that these pamphlets had been printed in England. Stratten also observed a number of copies of the USSR map also in the apartment.

Also advised that, as previously indicated, he would meet Wood at the University of Virginia Extension School which was conducting night classes at the Washington and Lee High School. Both Wood and [redacted] were attending the night classes but were not attending mutual classes. [redacted] recalled that on one of the occasions when he had met Wood while attending night classes Wood talked about going to Cuba, Mexico for permanent residence, and made some statement to the effect that he would be willing to renounce his United States citizenship.

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and wife, together with Gail and Thomas Warner, Washington Boulevard, Arlington, who had also attended high school with Strickton, the wife of [redacted] and Wood, accompanied [redacted] and wife to the above party. The other individuals at the party were of the "beach crowd" with several of the men wearing boards, and the girls appearing to be of the "street pickup" type. In view of this [redacted] and wife only remained at the party for a very short time but did meet the wife of W. C. The wife of [redacted] had been attending Bryn Mawr College and was en route to attend Bryn Mawr during the school year of 1946-47. [redacted] stated that the

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... Baker, who lives in ... and who ...

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George Mason College with Wood. [redacted] also recalled that at the first party which he attended at which [redacted] was at the apartment of Wood and Straton, David Straton was also present. Later, according to Straton, Straton attended the George Mason High School, or United States George Mason High School in June 1961.

[redacted] recalled that the wife of the name of Wood is a woman but did not know her maiden name. At the above party, Wood indicated that he was moving to Philadelphia and that his wife would continue her college education, but Straton at the time of the interview did not know whether Wood has actually moved to Philadelphia.

Wood, during conversation with [redacted] made the remark to [redacted] that he, Wood, did not know if his wife was a Communist but she might be. Wood, however, did not know if this was a true or not.

At the time of the above party, [redacted] understood that Wood was employed as a reservation agent for airlines. [redacted] could not recall the exact date of the party but the party was held in Washington, D.C. and was a small party. [redacted] also recalled that the party was held in Washington, D.C. and was a small party. [redacted] also recalled that the party was held in Washington, D.C. and was a small party.

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1. The first of these is the fact that the
University of California, Berkeley, has
received a grant from the National Science
Foundation for the purpose of conducting
research in the field of the history of
science. This grant is for the purpose of
conducting research in the field of the
history of science, and is for the purpose
of conducting research in the field of the
history of science.

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In regard to specific associates of Wood, [redacted] testified that at the party which he attended at the apartment occupied by Wood and wife there were approximately thirty individuals present, a number of whom he personally met but whose names he did not recall. [redacted] did recall that the following individuals were present: "Bill" McDonald, now believed living in Washington, D. C. but who had attended George Mason College with Wood; and "Shirley" Kiser, who lives in Washington, D. C. and who attended

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